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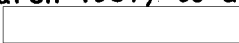

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NOTE FOR: 

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FROM:

John Koehler called today (17 March 1981) to assign an action to PAO. Yesterday, in discussions with  of PTO, Mr. Koehler became aware of PTO efforts to develop a staff position relative to the near term overhead imagery launch decisions. Mr. Koehler would like PAO to coordinate with  on his plans in this area and work out a joint approach for this action.

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I also raised the issue with John of the need now for a general policy on how the Intelligence Community Staff should support launch decisions. John recalled a memo you had done some time ago and thought that it would be a good idea to pursue this area at this time. I volunteered to informally pull together a group, including representation from PAO, PBO, STO and PTO with possibly an observer from the NRO, to come up with recommendations for such a policy. John asked whether or not he needed to formally task this action. I told him that it probably was not necessary but if I ran into a problem in approaching it informally, I would let him know.

Please advise as to who you would like to take the lead on the near term imagery launch decisions.

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